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1. In the spring of 1950 work was started on the diversion of the Studena River (sic) flowing approximately 3.5 kilometers southeast from the village of Lyubimets, Svilengrad Okoliya. Two bridges, one a highway bridge and another a bridge for the railroad running to Svilengrad, cross the river at this point. The river was diverted by digging a new river bed 1.5 meters deep near the old one. Dikes two meters high were built on both side of the new river bed. This diversion, which extends from the Maritsa River to the railroad line running to Svilengrad, was completed at the end of 1950. Thus, the flooded meadows in the vicinity were drained.
2. Three Soviet specialists and seven Bulgarians who arrived in Lyubimets in the fall of 1950 surveyed the area for 45 days for the purpose of determining the suitability of this location for a new airfield. These surveys made in the flat area in the vicinity of Uvata (sic) at location N 41-47-45, E 26-07-10; this area formerly consisted of 800-1,000 decares of meadows in addition to much arable land which extends towards the Maritsa River. No actual construction work had started at the time [] left this area.

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3. A camp for one of the coast artillery installations in the Varna area is located at the northeastern edge of the naval market of the city, towards the seashore. The camp is enclosed with a barbed wire fence and covers an area of one decare. Four or five temporary buildings about 5-6 years old are located in this area, and are used by regular Army personnel.  15 guns mounted on wheels with wooden spokes. The barrels of these guns were about 1.5 meters long and about 10 centimeters in diameter.


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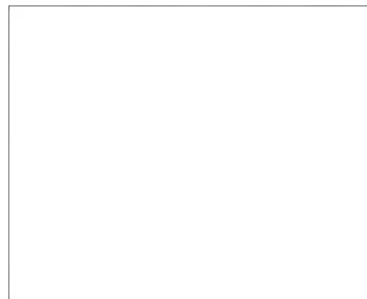
4. A second coast artillery installation is located near Varna. The unit is not quartered in barracks but uses a temporary, 1-story, brick building which is camouflaged with paint and is located near the gun emplacements. These gun emplacements are at the seashore, about 60-70 meters south of the canal which connects the Black Sea with Varna Lake, in the vicinity of the "Petrol" Fuel Depot.  12-15 gun emplacements located at intervals of 4-5 meters. 

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 military personnel near these gun emplacements.



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